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Glenn Okimoto  
Director of Transportation  
State of Hawaii Department of Transportation  
869 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

HARBORS DIVISION  
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Dear Director Okimoto,

**Re: State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation Harbors Division TIGER VI Discretionary Grants Application; Pier 4 Wharf Project at Hilo Commercial Harbor, Hawaii Island**

Matson fully supports the Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors Division's Application for Federal Funding to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Six (TIGER VI) Discretionary Funds grant application for the Pier 4 Wharf Project at Hilo Commercial Harbor, Hawaii Island.

Hawaii's harbors are vital to the state's economy. As an island archipelago, Hawaii imports 80% of its consumer goods, of which 98% of that volume enters the state through its harbors. The commercial harbors system serve as our islands' lifeline to the world and it is our harbor system that facilitates the transport of goods to our island communities.

Provision of TIGER VI Discretionary Funds for the Pier 4 Wharf Project at Hilo Commercial Harbor would provide much-needed infrastructure improvements in Hilo Harbor. Construction of a new 600 foot inter-island pier would allow for modernized operations and would increase the capacity and throughput of Hilo Harbor which would help support and grow the Hawaii Island economy and improve the safety conditions of the port facility. The project would also create job opportunities during the construction, which would also provide a boost to the Hawaii Island economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to share Matson's support for this critical project.

Sincerely,

Vic Angoco  
Senior Vice-President  
Matson, Inc.

